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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Light of the world, shine Your love on us this day. Break forth into the darkness of our world with Your truth and illuminate the paths You would have us take as we move through this day.

Make visible to us Your abiding presence, that in the certainty of Your company we would be more willing to go forth, step up, and speak Your life-giving word into the uncertainty of these times.

Reveal to us Your redeeming will, that we would receive the righteousness You offer us. May our personal holiness be grounded in humility and motivated by our desire to serve You.

Thus, may Your light shine unobscured through our renewed commitment to this world, our country, and Your people. May we have the eyes to see those who are in need, and may our lives reflect the warmth of Your light on those who hide in despair.

This day, may our words, our deeds, and our relationships one with another, be a witness to Your light and Your love.

In the gift of Your revealed name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I congratulate and thank the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on the opening of their second inpatient hospital, in my district, in King of Prussia.

CHOP's Middleman Family Pavilion will dedicate more than 250,000 square feet of space solely to children. In our continued fight with COVID-19, we need more facilities like this one that families from all over our region can access.

As the first pediatric emergency room in Montgomery County, CHOP will ensure that more children in Pennsylvania will have timely, nationally acclaimed care.

The Middleman Family Pavilion will also create many jobs for the Montgomery County community, bringing needed jobs to communities like Norristown, Bridgeport, and Conshohocken.

Now more than ever, with CHOP, it is all about children. That is the same for me. We need healthcare facilities that meet the demands of today, that treat our children with expert care and our families with compassion. Congratulations to CHOP.

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, a lot can happen in a year: a woman can deliver a newborn; a child can learn to walk; and a small virus leaked from a lab in Wuhan, China, can go around the globe and cause a global pandemic.

While the first two are joyous, the latter, and the 1-year anniversary of the Biden administration, is nothing to celebrate. We have the highest inflation in 40 years, and you don't need a graph to show that. We see it each day when we go to fill up our tank or go to the grocery store.

We have the end of American energy independence and a plea to OPEC to increase petroleum production; record-high numbers of illegal border crossings; almost double legal immigration, with no COVID-19 testing; record-high illegal drug crossings, especially synthetic fentanyl, with record-high overdoses, especially in our young population, 18 to 45; record-high homicides and crime in blue States; a disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, Saigon 2.0, with a loss of billions in equipment and the lives of 13 of our servicemen and -women.

The disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan has led to increased instability with Russia and China.

We have a vaccine mandate that ignores science, which shows that both the delta virus can transmit, even if vaccinated and boosted, and omicron wanes within 1 month.

My advice to this administration: End the vaccine mandate; stop what you are doing; and go on vacation.

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